GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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BLASTING IN OPEN CAST MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government are aware that due to ongoing heavy blasting in the open cast mines in Jharkhand, the shower of stones are falling in the nearby areas;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the damage due to heavy blasting in those mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c): Under the provisions of Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, wherever blasting is carried out in open cast mines, it is mandatory to keep a safety zone in order to protect the persons from getting injured due to flying stones during blasting. The Directorate General of Mines Safety under the Ministry of Labour administers these Regulations.

As the question does not specify any particular mine or area in the State of Jharkhand where such incidence has occurred, no details are available with the Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines.